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From:	Mr Jacek DOMINIK, Member of the European Commission
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To:	Mr Enrico ZANETTI, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 42/2014 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2014

Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 42/2014.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 31/10/2014

GENERAL BUDGET - 2014
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES 16, 17

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° **DEC 42/2014**

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FROM

CHAPTER - 1703 Public health

ITEM - 17 03 12 01 Union contribution to European Medicines Agency (EMA)

Commitments

- 800 000

TO

CHAPTER - 1603 Communication actions

ITEM - 16 03 02 03 Online and written information and communication tools

Commitments

800 000

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I. INCREASE

a) Heading

16 03 02 03 - Online and written information and communication tools

b) Figures at 22/10/2014

	Commitments
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	18 180 000
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0
2. Transfers	0
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3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	18 180 000
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	14 341 812
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5. Amount not used/available (3-4)	3 838 188
6. Requirements up to year-end	4 638 188
7. Increase proposed	800 000
8. Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	4.40%
9. Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)

	Commitments
1. Appropriation available at start of year	0
2. Appropriation available on the 22/10/2014	0
3. Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The transfer request is related to the management of the EUROPA website. A reinforcement of EUR 800 000 on line 16 03 02 03 is needed in order to:

- Cover the financial implications of the recent decision to create a new Commission homepage and Newsroom functionality by 1 November this year. The budgetary consequences of this decision have to be factored in (notably development, editorial governance, web manager capacities). The estimated financial need is EUR 70 000.
- Cover the needs of the Digital Transformation (ex-web rationalisation) programme which would allow the creation of task-based content clusters for the Commission's new web presence and rewriting content for the new site, as well as content transitioning from the DGs current websites. In total, EUR 600 000 is considered necessary.
- Reinforce, by EUR 130 000, the information systems component (Next EUROPA) of the Commission's new web presence. The needs are linked:
 - (a) to unexpected additional hosting costs for the EUROPA search engine, costs linked to the development of a solution for site migrations, and
 - (b) to the move to visual analytics which constitutes a radically different analytics solution compared with the current system.

Furthermore visual analytics will be hosted in the cloud ("virtual" network) which can be considered a pilot for eventually moving the Commission's entire public facing web presence to the cloud.

II. DECREASE

a) Heading

17 03 12 01 - Union contribution to European Medicines Agency (EMA)

b) Figures at 22/10/2014

	Commitments
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	31 333 000
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	949 390
2. Transfers	-1 500 000
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3. Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	30 782 390
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	22 179 471
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5. Amount not used/available (3-4)	8 602 919
6. Requirements up to year-end	7 802 919
7. Proposed decrease	800 000
8. Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	2.55%
9. Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)

	Commitments
1. Appropriation available at start of year	3 452 779
2. Appropriation available on the 22/10/2014	0
3. Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	100.00%

d) Detail grounds for the transfer

The budget line 17 03 12 01 covers the EU contribution to the budget of the European Medicines Agency for staff and administrative expenditure (Titles 1 and 2), and for operational expenditure in connection with the work programme (Title 3).

The Union contribution for 2014 amounts to a total of EUR 33.2 million, of which EUR 1.9 million was expected as assigned revenue from the 2012 surplus of the Agency.

Following a revision in 2014 of the salaries weighting factor for the years 2011 and 2012, the Agency has noted that the budgetary impact was less than the one anticipated in Draft Budget 2014. Moreover, due to a correction of the 2012 accounts requested by the Court of Auditors, the Agency's 2012 surplus was higher than initially planned and the resulting balancing subsidy to be financed in 2014 is therefore lower than the amount authorised in the 2014 EU budget.

As a result, the amount of EUR 800 000 in commitment appropriations can be made available to cover additional budgetary needs arising elsewhere. The corresponding payments were made available for redeployment in the Global Transfer (DEC 31/2014).